

REMARKS

Claims 215-224, 255-264, 323-325, 328, 336-338, 341, 349-351, 354, 362-364, 367 and 373 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment and Response after Filing of Notice of Appeal. Claims 225-254, 265-322, 326-327, 329-335, 339-340, 342-348, 352-353, 355-361, 365-366 and 368-372 are hereby cancelled by this Amendment. Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.33, and as further explained in MPEP §1206, an Amendment may be filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal to: (1) cancel claims; and (2) present rejected claims in better form for consideration or comply with any requirement of form. In the instant case, Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims. Additionally, Applicants have amended the objected claims to be allowable as suggested by the Office in the Final Office action dated November 5, 2007; that is, Applicants have rewritten objected claims (claims 323, 324, 336, 337, 349, 350, 362, 363, and 373) to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants now believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment and Response After Filing of Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account Number 01-2384.

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